

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

SUZUKI et al.

Serial Number: 09/338,597

Filed: June 23, 1999

For: ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT AND SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE



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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 24, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2000, having been duly extended from June 29, 2000, until July 29, 2000, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Attached is a request for approval of drawing changes with proposed changes to Fig. 8 highlighted in red. Upon approval of this request, a corrected drawing of Fig. 8 showing strobe input buffer 52 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) will be respectfully submitted for consideration.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 8, 9, 17, and 18 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) An electronic instrument comprising:  
a memory device; and  
strobe signal lines through which a first output strobe signal and a